



Arkansas Amputation **STAND-DOWN** Prevention in General Industry

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Stop Amputations by:

- Employee training
- Inspections of machinery
- Correcting machine guarding hazards
- Review work procedures around points of operations
- Review lockout/tagout programs



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The Arkansas Department of Labor (ADOL) OSHA Consultation Division, in conjunction with the OSHA Little Rock Area Office is establishing an **Arkansas Amputation Stand -Down**, scheduled for September 14-29, 2015. The purpose of the Stand-Down is to raise awareness of amputation hazards in general industry and construction.

Amputations are preventable life changing events if the employer takes steps to adequately train employees and perform/document inspections of machinery and work procedures to eliminate hazards. During the past several years general machine guarding has been at the top of the Little Rock OSHA Office's list of most frequently violated standards in the state.

Beginning January 1, 2015, OSHA's new recordkeeping modifications have required employers to report within 24 hours any amputations occurring in their workplace. The local OSHA office has received an influx of amputation reports since the beginning of 2015 and due to the new recordkeeping modification, the ADOL and the Little Rock Area OSHA Office are now able to track and trend where and how the injuries are occurring in the state.

The goal of the Arkansas Amputation Stand-Down is to reach over 5,000 Arkansas workers in industries where the potential for amputations exist. Companies will record their Stand-Down activity information to receive a certificate of participation by going to www.oshastanddown.org.

Companies will conduct an Amputation Stand-Down by stopping work and providing a focused toolbox talk on topics such as machine guarding or lock-out/tag-out. The meeting provides information to workers about hazards, protective methods such as machine safeguarding, pullback devices, restraints, two-hand controls, and the company's safety policies, goals and expectations.

During the week of the Amputation Stand-Down there will be individual events in which workers and employers may participate. The Arkansas Department of Labor and the OSHA Little Rock Area Office will help facilitate, host and support individual events during the Amputation Stand-Down week.

Activities for the Stand-Down will include:

- Employee Training
- Inspections of any machinery where the potential of amputations exist
- Corrections of any identified machine guarding hazards
- Reviewing all work procedures that are conducted in or around machine points of operation
- Review lockout/tagout programs

Stand-Down resources include:

- [A training guide](#)
- Fact sheets
- Posters
- Instruction on how to conduct a Stand-Down
- Instructions on how to input your Stand-Down activities

Events will be posted on the ADOL website that are free and open to the public. If any company or organization wants to post a free event that is open to the public on the ADOL webpage, contact an ADOL OSHA Consultation representative to get additional information.

The Arkansas Department of Labor OSHA Consultation and the OSHA Little Rock Area Office would like to encourage all employees and employers that face amputation hazards on the job to participate in the Amputation Stand-Down. We will work together to make the Arkansas Amputation Stand-Down a successful event.

Expectations for Amputation Stand-Down Participants

1. Employers will conduct a survey of all areas where obvious and potential amputation hazards may exist.
2. Conduct in-house training sessions with employees or affected individuals.
 - a. Train employees in the causes of amputation
 - b. Discuss what is proper machine guarding
 - c. Review all work procedures that are conducted in or among machine's point of operation
 - d. Review lockout/tagout programs
 - e. Inspect Equipment
3. Assure safety devices that help to keep hands out of the point of operation are being used by the workers.
4. Conduct inspection of worksite to determine if hazards exist. Then list the number of hazards found and the number of employees removed from those hazards.
5. Go online to www.oshastanddown.org and input information about the company's Amputation Stand-Down activities to print a certificate of participation

If you have **questions**, to receive **OSHA Fact Sheets**, or to **report company Stand-Down activities**, contact the OSHA Consultation Division at the Arkansas Department of Labor at 501-682-4523 or ncoleman@dol.gov.